IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

SHANE K. HOPKINS,)	
Plaintiff,)	
V.)	C.A. No. 05-870-SLR
)	
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER J. PUSEY,)	
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER J. SMITH,)	
DEPUTY WARDEN DAVID E. PIERCE,)	
JR., CPL M. MERSON, JUDITH)	
MELLEN, DREWRY NASH FENNELL,)	
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE)	
STATE OF DELAWARE)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MOTION OF DEFENDANTS DREWRY NASH FENNELL AND JUDITH MELLEN FOR LEAVE TO DEPOSE PLAINTIFF

COME NOW Defendants Drewry Nash Fennell and Judith Mellen, by and through undersigned counsel, and respectfully move this Honorable Court to enter an Order granting counsel the right to depose Plaintiff Shane K. Hopkins ("Plaintiff"), an incarcerated individual:

- 1. Plaintiff is an inmate incarcerated at the Delaware Correctional Center in Smyrna, Delaware.
- 2. Counsel for Defendants Fennell and Mellen wishes to depose Plaintiff as part of discovery in this case.
 - 3. The discovery deadline in this matter is February 2, 2007.
- 4. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2) requires leave of the Court to depose an incarcerated individual.

5. A form of order is attached to this motion that grants counsel for Defendants Fennell and Mellen the right to depose Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Fennell and Mellen respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant their Motion for Leave to Depose Plaintiff Shane Hopkins.

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Dated: January 23, 2007

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jeffrey T. Castellano, Esquire, hereby certify that on January 23, 2007, I caused copies of the foregoing document to be served upon the following in the manner indicated:

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I, further certify that on January 23, 2007, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF, which will send notification that such filing is available for viewing and downloading to the following counsel of record:

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